

A plaine and easie

way to remedie a Horse that is founde-

dered in his Feete:

By whiche using this remedie (within xliij. howres after his instant foundering) you maye within xliij. howres after the cure vsed, trauell your Horse, and iourney him at your pleasure, as if he had not bene foundered at all.

Set out by Nicholas Malbie Gen-

tleman, seruant to the *Queenes moste excellent Maiestie.*



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Durfoote, dwelling in Pauls Church

gate, at the signe of the Hammer:

Your affected friend to command

Nicholas Malbie

To the right Worshipfull master Edward

Fitzgerald Esquire, Lieutenant of the Gentle-
men Pensioners.



IR at my late beeing at the
Court (which as I remember was about xij.
monethes now past, at what time I came out
of Irelande) and nowe agayne at my present
beeing heere, I haue bene requested by sundry
honest Gentlemen, some my good freends and olde acquain-
taunce : some other, who knowing more my name then my
selfe, haue repayred vnto me with like request, to instruct the,
in the curing of a soundered Horse. Whose fauours dyd
moue me to offer and promise vnto them, to put the same in
print. Partly for their friendshippes sakes : and partly to
make a present thereof vnto all my Countreyemen that eyther
be or intend to be trauailers on horsbacke. Reputyng it also
conuenient to publishe the same in common, the rather, for
that I iudge the poorest sort shall receiue most benefyt there-
by. And bycause it is not meete that this excellent cure should
want the reputation it deserueth, neyther to be accounted a
vaine thing not worthy the hauing, as many be that being
printed haue small credit notwithstanding they cary, *probatum
est*, I do dedicate the same vnto you, both for the friendly af-
fection I owe you, and for that you can giue good testimo-
nie of this cure, by an experience made vppon an Horse of
your own. I haue caused the same to be printed, as wel to ease
my selfe of the trauayle I should haue to answere euery mans
request : as to satisfie my friends, to whom I haue made pro-
mise, and all others that are desirous to vnderstand the know-
ledge thereof. Which I pray you may be vnder your protec-
tion, and presented to as many as you shall please, and of the
rest let the Printer make his profite. So God keepe you. From
London the first of Aprill. 1576.

Your affectioned freend to commaund
Nicholas Malbis.

To the Reader.

Wong many diseases whiche do raigne in a Horse, I haue seene that the foundering hath bene reputed the moste difficult to be cured. And as the goute in man is accompted an infirmite incurable: so is the foundering in a Horse (of most men) thought irrecoverable. I wishe I could as well heale the one, as (by Gods sufferaunce) I can giue remedie for the other, I would as willingly present vnto you both, as I doo this one. Notwithstanding accept this as it is, and refuse it not, as sundry curious & scornfull farriers haue done vnto me, who neither knowing howe to remedie the disease, nor willing to learne, haue reiected at my hands the vnderstanding of the cure, and as it were, in spite of arte & cunning, cut out the soles of the horses feete (a thing commonly vsed among suche ignorant persons) by whiche any Horse so misused shall neuer haue his feete sound agayne, (whatsoeuer they promise you,) where by this which I do here set out, neither shall you once remoue your horses shoes, neither yet touch any part of his hooft or feete, and yet shall your Horse be as sound as euer he was. Farewell. London first of Aprill. 1576.

The way and meane touching the sayde Remedie.

When you find your Horse to be foundred in his feete, which you shall perceyue by drawing in all his fore legges together, & by his standing crooching as though he stood vpon needles, & will

be loth to goe: you must cause him to be let blood
on his two brest baynes of his two forelegges
some what aboue the knees. Let him also blood on
his spur baynes on both his sides, and on y baynes
of his two hinder feete a little aboue the hoofe, be-
twene the hoofe and the pastorne, as you may per-
ceiue by this Picture,



Let the baynes bleede well, to the quantitie of a
quart, or three pintes. which blood you must saue
in some vessell, & stirre it with a sticke to keepe it
from cluttring: and when he hath bled as aboue-
sayd, put it al into one vessell: then stop the wounds
with some horsedung, or some earth, and make a
Charge

Charge with the blood in this sort: ^{may be}
 Take as much wheat meale (as it cometh
 from the mill) as will make the blood somewhat
 thicke, and put it into the blood. Take eight or ten
 egges raw, and breake them also into this blood,
 shelles and all: Take a pint of strong vinegar, and
 a quantity of Sole Armoniack brayed, and put the
 into the same blood also, which done you shall stirre
 them all together. Then shall you wash your hand
 lay the sayd Charge all along vpon the raynes of
 the Horses backe, vpon his buttocks, and downe
 his shoulders: as by this picture you may see.

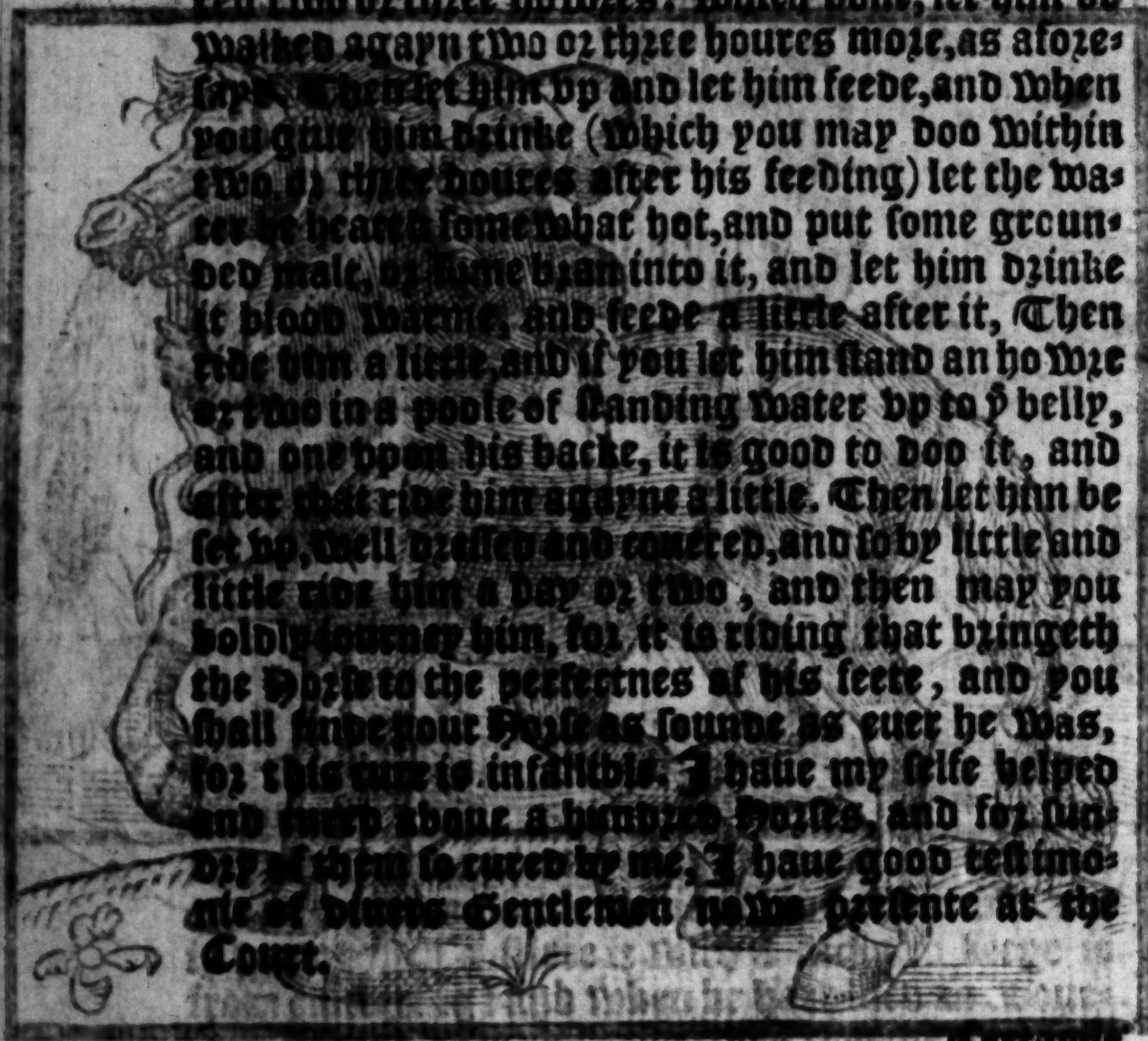


Charge

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When you haue layde on this Charge thus, you shall take two Linnen ragges dipped in the same Charge, with which two rags so dipped, you shall garter the Horse about the knees of his two forelegges some what harde. (That done) cause him to be walked vpon the hardest ground you can finde, for the space of two or three houres: if he be loth to go (as commonly he will be) let one solo da him and beate him with a stick or wand to force him to go, Then after this walking let him be set vp & tyed to the racke that he lye not do done, and there let him rest two or three houres: which done, let him be

walked agayn two or three houres more, as aforesayd. Then let him vp and let him feede, and when you giue him drinke (which you may doo within two or three houres after his feeding) let the water be heate some what hot, and put some grounded malle, or some brim into it, and let him drinke it blood warme, and feede a little after it, Then ride him a little, and if you let him stand an houre or two in a poole of standing water vp to y belly, and one vpon his backe, it is good to doo it, and after that ride him agayne a little. Then let him be set vp, well dressed and couered, and so by little and little ride him a day or two, and then may you boldly iourney him, for it is riding that bringeth the Horse to the perfectnes of his seete, and you shall finde your Horse as sounde as euer he was, for this cure is infallible. I haue my selfe helped and cured about a hundred Horses, and for vnderstanding of them so cured by me, I haue good testimony of diuers Gentlemen now presente at the Court.



Curat

Certayne notes touching this cure

You shall not neede to take of the Horses shoes,
nor to touche them at all, except it be to amende
them for some other needefull cause.

You must after xxiij. houres rubbe of the Charge
from the Horse backe.

You muste take of the Garters after xii. or xiii.
houres, and rubbe his knees vp and downe with
your handes, to put the nummes away.

You shall also vnderstande that I haue helped
many Horses, eyther withoute Viniger or Sole
Armoniack, for that I haue bin in place where I
could not haue it. I haue also vsed Oten meale
when I could not haue wheate meale.

I haue also healed a Horse by letting him blood
in the necke, when he woulde not bleede in the
baynes before prescribed, and bled and compoun-
ded the same blood, as aboue is wzitten.

I doo also seldome vse the standing of the horse
in a poole of water, as before is sayde.

But if you doo all, as is first wzitten, it is the
best and surest way no doubt: but if you be in place
where you can not attayne to all the premisses, you
shall make good shifte with part of it. And surely
I doo finde that it is the taking of the blood that
is the cheefe and principall cause of the cure.

And where I doo wzite also that you must take
your Horse in hande (to cure him) within xxiii.
houres after his first foundering, I thinke good
to let you vnderstande that it is best so to doo, and
yet did I once helpe a Horse of mine owne that
had

had bene foundered six dayes, and he was very
well cured, but he asked foure or five dayes more
to come to the perfectnes of his feete, then usually
the horses doo; that he taken in hande, as above
sayde.

This cure hath also this vertue, that your Horse
being once cured, shall not commonly or neuer
founder agayne. I neuer heard of any that so did
but one, whiche was Mr. Edward fyngeralbes
Horse, whom he helped presently agayne with the
same cure, and he hath the same Horse at this day
as sounde as euer he was.

This I haue thought good to say, to
the observation of the cure upon any neces-
sary, when you can not be in place to provide you
of all such things as be requisite for the same.

I haue also written a booke by the name of
the use of the horse, which is not to be
found in any shoppe, and is sold by the name
of the horse, as above is written.

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